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Dear Harold:

It is good, very good, to catch up with you, for you are one of the vivid personalities of happier days. I spare us both the nostalgic sentiment only to say that I well remember a bright & charming kid on a miniature golf course. And do you remember your getting me honorably discharged from the US Navy? How young you still are to be nursing a phlebitis; I had it at age 47 which was somewhat before yesterday. Your letter is dated as of 4 days ago so that you have by now, I hope, recovered. One thing I am reasonably sure of: ~~at~~ the speed-of-light rate at which you write books, another one is already well advanced. Apropos of which, since seeing the current + hot one mentioned in Jack Anderson we've wanted to buy a copy. Where do we write, & the price, please. No, no; we do indeed appreciate your wanting to present us a copy & we shall ask you to inscribe our own copy, but a writer who isn't also a schoolteacher can't live by giving away his wares.

There has been & still is trouble in our house. Betty has had a heart attack from which after more than 2 months she is beginning to recover. Warning symptoms of the damn thing began to make themselves felt in March of this year shortly before we left Israel where

we had spent some 8 months. On our return home she put herself in the hands of medical practitioners, all of them, for they pushed her from one specialist to another with varying jargon until the attack one midnight at home in bed. Ensued a month in hospital, & now for the 5th week in bed at home. But better, & about to begin putting one foot before the other.

We're very sorry to hear about your mother's ailing. C'est la vie for all of us when the "vie" is prolonged.

Tell Lil she shouldna ever dropped out of our sight just when we had grown fond of her, & still are. From her propped-up position in bed Betty sends you both her most affectionate embrace.

Joe